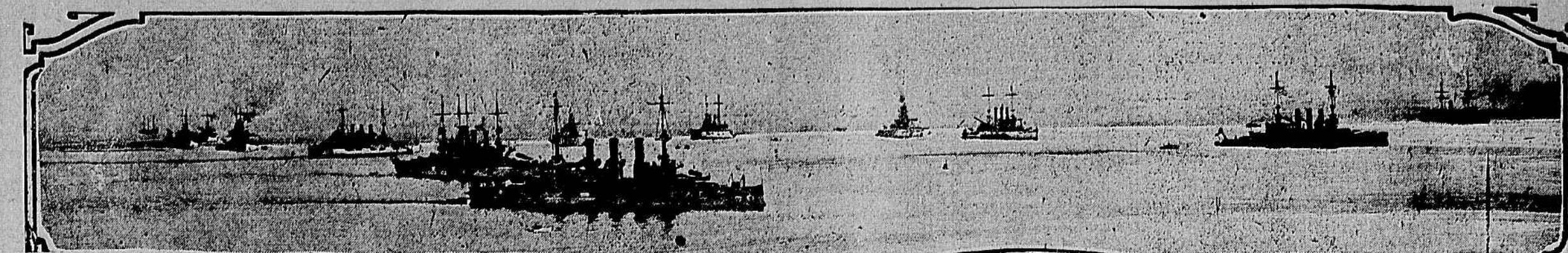


PACIFIC FLEET IN HAMPTON ROADS READY TO WEIGH ANCHOR FOR ITS LONG JOURNEY

A JAIL WHERE RATS
HOLD HIGH CARNAVAL

Bedford County Prison a Loathsome Place Where Vermin and Filth Abound.

JUDGE MOFFITT WILL ACT

Ordered Prisoners Removed Until the Building Can Be Made Habitable.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEDFORD CITY, Va., December 15.—At the last meeting of the county board of supervisors, held here, four was appointed, together with Dr. J. A. Rucker, the physician for the jail, to inspect and report the condition of the county jail. The report was made to Judge W. W. Moffitt at the term of the Circuit Court, now in session. The condition of the jail was found to be very bad and unsanitary. The court instructed the Commonwealth's attorney to prepare an order removing the prisoners to some other convenient jail until the conditions of the Bedford jail are remedied. The order will go into effect at once, unless the prisoners take immediate steps to remedy the reported conditions of this jail.

The action of the judge is highly approved, as the jail here is a stigma on the humanity of Bedford. The building is very old; the first floor is built of brick, that above, where the prisoners are confined, of heavy logs veneered with brick on the outside. The spaces between the logs are the home of vermin, uncountable and such horrid odors are emitted that nothing short of the "Red Piper" could lure them away. They walk fearfully abroad in the building all day, and at night hold high carnival, sporting over the hapless prisoner, whose couch is a mattress upon the hard floors, since the logs are so close together that no air can get in the rooms and cells. The accumulated filth and maldors of years create as many odors as Coleridge found in the city of Cologne. The furnace for the steam heating apparatus is under the floor beneath the stairway, and the fire that blows great clouds of smoke fill the rooms of the prisoners to suffocation, and in the event of a fire there would be no possibility of rescue. The trouble seems due more to the building itself than to heartlessness on the part of those in charge, and it is welcome news that Judge Moffitt is giving the subject his consideration and will adopt heroic measures for a radical change.

A MODEL JUDGE

Hon. W. R. Barksdale, a Favorite in Mecklenburg County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESAPEAKE, Va., December 15.—The December term of the Circuit Court for Mecklenburg county begins to-morrow with an unusually small docket and no jury cases to be tried. This county has had five circuit judges in the last forty years, Judge William Randolph Barksdale, of Halifax county, who now fills the position, is the fifth. The county has been fortunate in the fitness and acceptability of all of the judges, such men as Dickinson, Irving, Coleman and Hundley; but no one has occupied the bench and given more general satisfaction or enjoyed the respect and confidence of the people to a greater degree than the incumbent.

WILL EXPOSITION REOPEN?

The Matter to Be Decided at a Meeting to Be Held Next Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 15.—As yet little progress has been made in the movement looking to the reopening of the Jamestown Exposition next summer, although it is declared that the committee has been received with favor and are hopeful of final success. The third meeting in the history of the movement is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, when it is believed that the canvass will have proceeded far enough for those interested to decide whether or not it is advisable to attempt to carry out the reopening plans.

It is declared that the large majority of the exhibitors have expressed a willingness to make second exhibits in three minutes. Price 25c. Munyon's Blood Cure eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price 25c. Munyon's Kidney Cure speedsily cures pains in the back, loins or groins and all forms of kidney disease. Munyon's Rheumatism Cure stops headache in three minutes. Price 25c. Munyon's Blood Purifier cleanses the system and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Munyon's Pink Ointment positively cures all forms of piles. Price 25c. Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost powers to weak men. Price 41c. Munyon's Remedies at all druggists.

Officers Elected.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ARVONIA, Va., December 15.—At a stated communication of Stonewall Lodge, No. 200, A. F. & A. M., held in

GET WELL
THERE IS HOPE

MUNYON'S 3X RHEUMATISM CURE seldom fails to relieve in one to three hours and cures in a few days up to 41c. Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure is guaranteed to cure all forms of indigestion and stomach troubles. Munyon's Kidney Cure speedsily cures pains in the back, loins or groins and all forms of kidney disease. Munyon's Rheumatism Cure stops headache in three minutes. Price 25c. Munyon's Blood Purifier cleanses the system and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Munyon's Pink Ointment positively cures all forms of piles. Price 25c. Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost powers to weak men. Price 41c. Munyon's Remedies at all druggists.

the hall here Saturday night, the following officers were elected and installed to hold office for one year from date: Worshipful Master, Alvin L. Evans; Senior Warden, Thomas Williams; Junior Warden, William T. Evans; Secretary, Morris H. Jones; Treasurer, W. B. Hughes; Senior Deacon, George Wallace; Junior Deacon, George Wallace.

NINTH DISTRICT FIGHT

Friends of Bailey Claim That He Will Defeat Slemph.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, Va., December 15.—Interest in the special congressional election in the Ninth Virginia District, which takes place next Tuesday, has been at its height here for the last ten days. The friends of David F. Bailey here appear to be confident that he will defeat Bascom Slemph, the Republican candidate for the seat of the late J. Cloyd Byers, who is Bailey's law partner, when asked for a statement to-night, said: "I predict Bailey's election is a foregone conclusion. Numbers of old-line Republicans in every precinct in the district are working for election, while many others will vote for him to the quiet because they feel he deserves it and they think the Slemph family has been sufficiently honored. As to the Democratic vote, it will be practically solid for Bailey. General Ayers's letter and Slemph's fling at Bailey as the 'Democratic candidate' has done more to arouse the Democrats and solidify their vote than anything else."

TO BUY EXPOSITION GROUNDS

Plans to Convert Grounds Into Training Station Are Progressing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 15.—The State Commissioners' Association is pushing the matter of the sale of the Exposition grounds and buildings to the government for a large naval school and training station. They are confident of success and believe their scheme will receive the endorsement of the Navy Department and administration. During this week the committee of commissioners having the matter in charge will present their plans to the receivers, in order to secure their co-operation and support. Following a general meeting in Washington early in January, they will present their plans to Congress, as an appropriation will be necessary.

NEGRO ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 15.—James Johnson, a Portsmouth negro, was arrested at Forest to-day on the charge of robbing the post-office at Goodes, Bedford county, last night. Johnson arrested himself under the counter of the store, and took \$25 all the cash, but left the stamps, after inspecting them. He confessed to Inspector Mosley. Johnson is wanted at Portsmouth for robbery.

Large Tobacco Sales.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 15.—The leaf tobacco sales last week aggregate about 500,000 pounds. Prices appear to be better than last week. The general average this week is about 10 cents per pound. Many growers were on the market this week, and a majority of them took 22c. and 23c. for leaf, as the roads are reported in bad shape. The better grades of tobacco are now being marketed, the growers feeling that a further rise in prices. This is thought to be the reason that so much leaf is now being sold at 22c. and 23c. instead of 20c. and 21c. as was the case a few days ago. All the counties in the tobacco-growing belt had growers on the market this week.

Sleet Storm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ARVONIA, Va., December 15.—A sleet storm of great intensity began here at 10 o'clock Friday night, and has continued since that time with increasing severity. The ground is covered with ice and sleet, and the weather gauge shows that more than an inch of rain has fallen since the storm began.

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PLENTY OF CASH AT PAMPLIN CITY

Warehouses Pay for All Tobacco Delivered With Ready Money.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PAMPLIN CITY, Va., December 15.—Business in this town has not been disturbed by the financial stringency which has overshadowed the country for the few tobacco markets in this section of the State that has paid the cash in full for all tobacco sold. The State Bank of Pamplin has been able to meet all demands for currency, and its depositors, and has furnished the warehouses with all necessary cash, and up to a few days ago, the tobacco brokers have been paid in full.

Bank Dividend.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
At a meeting of the stockholders of this bank recently, all the directors and officers were re-elected. This institution has just completed its second year, and has made an excellent showing. The earnings of the bank during the past year have doubled those of the preceding year, and its business is about twice as large now, as it was at the close of its first year, last December.

The board of directors have just declared the second semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, payable January 1st. The first semi-annual dividend was paid last July. After paying this dividend, there will be in excess of 6 per cent of the year's earnings added to the surplus, making total earnings of the year over 12 per cent.

Xmas Don't Count.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
The Town Council here just passed an ordinance forbidding the use of fireworks within the limits of the town for special days. It is possible that this may be done for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

PRESBYTERIANS
ORGANIZE CHURCH

Emporia to Have a Splendid New Place of Public Worship.

HAS THIRTY-FOUR MEMBERS

Lot for the Building Has Been Donated by Mrs. Samuel Goodwyn.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
EMPORIA, Va., December 15.—The Emporia Presbyterian Church was organized here to-day in the Masonic Temple by a commission appointed from the East Hanover Presbyterian, consisting of Dr. D. K. Walthall, moderator, of Richmond; the Rev. J. J. P. of Camp; Ruling Elder James P. Banks, of Petersburg, together with the popular pastor, the Rev. F. L. Delaney, of Emporia. A large and enthusiastic audience was in attendance, composed of many interested spectators from a distance.

The ruling elders for the local church, unanimously elected, were William T. Tilley, Clifford W. Benan and W. E. Carper, with the following deacons: A. S. Kearney, S. Hubert Crulshank, Dr. J. Segar Eppe and W. H. Price. The membership admitted to-day numbered thirty-four. In all probability within the next few weeks this number will aggregate half a hundred. The personnel of the church comprises some of the leading business and professional men in this section of the State, while the lady members are equally as prominent socially and otherwise.

The question of organizing a Presbyterian church in Emporia has been under way for many months, and to-day's culmination of the step bespeaks volumes for the efficient and honest endeavor made by the local pastor, the Rev. Mr. Delaney, than whom there is no more popular minister in Southside Virginia. He has been ably assisted in the crystallization of the undertaking which to-day marks an era in Emporia's Christian work, among whom may be mentioned Messrs. W. T. Tilley, S. H. Crulshank, C. W. Benan, W. E. Carper, Dr. J. S. Eppe, W. H. Price, A. F. Koonsey and others.

A modern \$5,000 brick edifice will soon be erected for the new church and will be centrally located in South Emporia, probably on Main Street, near the county courthouse. A lot for the building has been recently donated by Mrs. W. Samuel Goodwyn, of Emporia, that will make an ideal location. For the present services will be held alternately in the Baptist and Methodist churches, as heretofore. A feast of the services in the latter church the Rev. Dr. Walthall preached a notable sermon, which was listened to by a large and representative audience.

RUMORS OF WAR
ARE IN THE AIR

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curious comment here, and as the brown men leave they mutter strangely and wonder why. Apparently, however, the President's idea is to show the needs of the navy by the results of the cruise. Should it come to war, as it will not—he would kiss happiness to the navy, as he could stand on the bridge with his fighting admiral.

Train Is Hauling.

Extra precautions have been taken to prevent the loss of men before going out the capes. There are no jack rats about these streets. They are kept

within the ships. Lieutenant Train, the admiral's aide, is bustling around like a bee for the brunt of the detail falls upon him, and he is more than equal to the task. The only thing that remains, however, is for the officers to go aboard, and when the Mayflower leaves to-morrow there will not be a hitch in the machinery, and not one of the 15,000 will be away from his post. That, at least, is what commanders said to-night.

Great Battle Fleet.

This battle fleet, so designated by the President himself, is wonderful to look upon. Around and about the Connecticut, the flagship, are grouped the Kansas, Louisiana, Vermont, Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Ohio, Maine, Missouri, Alabama, Illinois, and those newer ones, the Kentucky and the Kearsarge. Almost all of the old salts whinger on the wharves can point them out and call them by the lines. But to the stranger they are all alike. For the names cannot be read through the mist from the shore. Following in the wake to-morrow four supply ships will go along to carry any and everything needed on the cruise. The torpedo flotilla has already gone, and the port of the fleet is now being reviewed by the fact in the forenoon. Flag and line officers will go aboard and at times, however, the wasps of the sea and the battleship will be lost to the Marconi tube.

Christmas at Trinidad.

There will be a five-day stop at Trinidad for Christmas, though few of the men will have shore leave. In January, however, they will move into the port of Rio de Janeiro for almost a fortnight, and then to their home town that will free and easy town meet some crowd. Rio, sailors say, is not unlike that old Barbary Coast of San Francisco, characterized by some one as a loud bit of hell. But Admiral Evans has thought of this, and will take no chances in a city of freedom and gay life.

A Night of Farewells.

There was a tearful moment on shore to-night, the moment for the last farewells. It reminded one of the day when drums beat and called the sons to war.

Crowded into every available foot of space in the Chamberlain men and women talked low, and older ones kept their eyes on the younger ones, as if they were afraid they might not see them again. The meaning of the cruise and the war was a touch of pathos strangely new in a place that was filled for days with laughter and song. Mothers, whose young sons were freshly cut loose from their apron strings, showed marks of distress. Their features were pinched and drawn, but the sons looked brave, and smiled to sweep away the tears.

Pathetic Scene.

There was a pathetic scene at the officers' wharf at sunset this afternoon. A little old ragged woman came near and beckoned a marine. Her boy, a sailor on the Illinois, had written her that he might see her here, and she had traveled many miles to kiss him good-bye. But the rules were iron, and those who were touched by her ragged appearance were unrelenting. She wandered off at length, not knowing why her sailor boy must remain aboard, while the hotels were crowded with the upper men in blue and gold. But few worried over her tribulations. Nearby there were too many good-looking women, finely gowned, and wearing them just as if they had plenty more at home. There was a marked difference in the farewells: old women were tenderly caressed, and younger ones were given a long squeeze of a hand and a look that took the place of something else. There might have been heart-thrilling moments if the farewells could have been said on the sands of the beach without the shining of a moon.

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seemed to appreciate the mingling of the two.

But he would make no extended statement; he did not care to be interviewed; like Wu Ting Fang, he asks many questions and answers few. The admiral said that his farewell statement was issued to the American people last night, that he would give no more, but he was glad the people of Virginia should provide the commander and the leaving port for a remarkable cruise. Virginians wanted to meet him. Few seemed to know that he was born in the State, except about his life and history, there is a Western dash and flavor that fits him well. He earned his popular title fairly, because he would not be here to-day had he not whipped a gun from under his pillow a great many years ago to threaten the life of a surgeon who was waiting to saw off his legs. They may be game and unsteady, but they are the legs of the sea.

Hostilities Crowded.

With every hotel hereabout crowded to the billiard tables, the crowds still poured in this afternoon, to drift during the early hours of the night to Newport News to sleep. To-morrow the arrival of President Roosevelt will mark the crowning event in Hampton Roads. From the Mayflower he will review the fleet in the forenoon. Flag and line officers will go aboard and be received by the President. Then, returning to their ships, the signal gun will boom, and led by the Connecticut the fifteen other ships will weigh anchor and pass out, single file, beyond the Capes.

Talk of War.

The flutter of war talk heard here and there to-night did not rest well on the stomach of home folk who were preparing to say good-bye. Coming into port yesterday, the captain of an English ship observed the fleet. "Blasted ensigns, pilot," he said, adding when the pilot nodded assent: "But they look too fine when Togo gets through with them." All this chatter may be foolish, though it is heard none the less, the apparent mystery about the cruise bringing in mind Admiral Evans's recent banquet speech in New York, when he said his men did not know whether they were going to fight or frolic. However this may be, the thoroughbreds of the navy are making good use of the fleeting hours. Officers whose wives are here have shore leave until early to-morrow, although bachelor unfortunates had to turn in before midnight. Before night the Elizabeth boys from Norfolk and Newport News and the matinee promenaders from the same towns got away, leaving the hotel to those who needed it.

Roosevelt Weather.

Along with the thinning of the crowds a stiff westerly wind scattered threatening clouds, and there is promise of ideal weather for the review. The fleet is gleaming out in the dark waters of the roads, hundreds of incandescent lamps giving it the appearance of an exposition city.

After he comes in to receive the line and flag officers the President will steam on the Mayflower to the tail of the Horseshoe, thirteen miles out, to receive and give the farewell salute.

A local pilot has been engaged to take the Connecticut to sea, the others trailing behind without such aid.

PRESIDENT LEAVES MAYFLOWER.

With Party of Guests on Board Steamer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and a distinguished company of guests, sailed on the naval yacht Mayflower from the Washington Navy-Yard at 3:07 o'clock to-day for Hampton Roads. The President in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the United States Navy, will to-morrow give the word of command which will send the Atlantic battleship fleet on its cruise to the Pacific.

As the ships pass out to sea, their last farewell will be given. On the deck of the Mayflower he will lead the ships through the Virginia Capes, then give way to the flagship Connecticut as the double line of sixteen ironclads set their course to the southward.

This will begin what the President

has planned as the supreme test of the American Navy.

The announced destination of the fleet is San Francisco Bay, but when and where the cruise will ultimately end seems as yet an unmaturing plan for the future.

Scene at Navy Yard.

The departing scene from the Washington Navy Yard was typical of the punctiliousness of naval etiquette. The Mayflower was spick and span and spotless in white; the jacks in their white braid of blue lined the rail, and the cheerless raw day seemed to lend itself to an expression of their feelings at being left out of the big trip.

Arrived by the clean-swept dock and kept far back from the gang-plank the hundreds of persons who had come to see the President depart. Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf were piped over the ship's side a half hour before the arrival of the President, who was two minutes late.

A few minutes following the arrival of the Secretary, the boons whistle sounded the honors to Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf, who also are guests of the President on the trip; then followed Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Evans, and Commander and Mrs. Sims. In the White House carriage preceding the President, came Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Miss Corinne Robinson and Miss Flower.

Commander-in-Chief.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles rode with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. As the President stepped aboard the ship, the President's salute was broken out at the main yard, the hawsers were slipped and the Mayflower was underway in just five minutes.

The President as he drove on the wharf, acknowledged the greeting of the crowd, and as the yacht began to move, he raised his hat from his head and bowed to the people on the dock, while three cheers were given from the wharf. The Mayflower is expected to reach the States, at the Potomac before dark, when a livelier clip will be taken up, and Hampton Roads reached by 8 o'clock in the morning.

At this hour a salute by the entire fleet will be given, and the ceremonies of the departure begun. Included in the fleet will be the President on the Mayflower to the commanding officers of the ships of the fleet and the departing review. The President will not leave the Mayflower during the trip, and is expected to reach Washington on his return early Tuesday morning.

Senate and House Come.

Another and somewhat livelier party departed from the navy-yard earlier in the day, being members of the Senate and House of Representatives, who through the courtesy of Assistant Secretary Newberry, were provided with the trip to the scene of the fleet's departure.

The Dolphin got underway shortly after.

Among those on board were Chairman Foss of the House Naval Committee; Senator McHenry, of Louisiana; Representative Coudert, of Iowa; Louis of Michigan; Dawson, of Iowa; Thomas of Ohio; Roberts, of Massachusetts; Bagley, of Pennsylvania; Padgett, of Tennessee; W. W. Kitchen, of North Carolina, and Gregg, of Texas.

The Dolphin will reach her anchorage at Hampton Roads shortly in advance of the Mayflower.

LONDONERS INTERESTED

Observer Says That Sending the Fleet Is a Bold Move.

LONDON, December 15.—The daily newspapers are publishing long accounts from their New York correspondents on the preparations for the cruise of Rear-Admiral Evans's fleet, but refrain from commenting upon its significance, except in the naval columns, in which experts discuss the advisability of testing the resisting power of ships to the wear and tear of a long voyage. Naval officials agree that this, although expensive, is desirable, and that the cruise of the American battleships will afford good training for the officers and men.

The Outlook, a weekly publication, on the other hand, discusses the political significance of the movement. It says:

"The building up of the States on the Pacific slope, the annexation of Hawaii, the growth of commerce in the Far East by the purchase of the Philippines and the rise of Japan have reacted upon the destinies of America with ever increasing intensity. As a possible battleground in the future, the Pacific is no longer the Atlantic, but the Pacific that claims American thought." On these grounds, and the fact that it would demonstrate the strategic necessity of the Panama Canal and the Dole, it would serve as a warning to Congress that the present forces are not sufficient to protect the two coast lines, the cruise is held to be defensible, but still "it is impossible to separate it from the tension that exists between the United States and Japan."

"The plain fact is," says the Sunday Observer, "that the cruise is a political reconnaissance of force in view of the rise of Japan."

The fact that the American flag to the Pacific as a symbol of power and an expression of the national will that it will defend and develop American interests, its dispatch looks singularly like a bluff and an indiscretion. We fear that the Americans have made a profound mistake if they presume too much on Japanese patience. It is undeniable that there is an element of potential peril in the voyage."

GERMANY INTERESTED.

Naval Officers Say That Cruise Will Be Splendid Practice for the Men.

BERLIN, December 15.—The German admiralty has been observing for some time with the greatest interest the preparations for the departure of the American fleet, which is regarded here as the most unusual naval experience of modern times. The American fleet comprises a greater number of fighting ships, and they are of vastly more importance than the Russian fleet that was sent from the Baltic to the Sea of Japan.

Expert opinion among naval men is that it will be splendid practice for the fleet.

RUSSIAN COMMENT

Newspaper Says Move Is Bold Roosevelt Stroke to Restore Power.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 15.—The departure of the American fleet evoked intense interest here. It has occasioned a volume of newspaper comment, the strength and preparedness of the American fleet being described as showing a strong contrast to that

of Rojostevsky's squadron on its ill-starred cruise.

The newspapers are unanimous in their conviction of the far-reaching effects of shifting the naval strength of the United States from Atlantic to Pacific waters. The Nova Vreme, does homage to what it terms "a bold Rooseveltian stroke," restores the balance of power in the Pacific which had been disturbed by the recent wars. "The squadron," says the Nova Vreme, "will actually serve as the best guarantee of peace by checking the elation of Oriental nations."

The British fears that the concentration of such immense power on the California shores will vastly increase the responsibilities of the Federal government, as it is inevitable that it will produce an outburst of warlike sentiment and will feed the flame of race feeling in the Pacific coast States.

TO SEE FLEET SAIL

Crowds Gathering Along Hampton Roads to View Warships.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 15.—Despite a brewing storm and drizzling rain, thousands visited Hampton Roads to-day to see the great fleet assembled for the long cruise to the Pacific, and the movement to the Roads began early in the day, by both trolley lines and steamers. The water excursions were popular, and a score or more of pleasure boats were loaded, going directly to the anchored battleships and giving an excellent view of the dogs of war, quietly waiting for sailing orders.

Pine Beach, Ocean View, Willoughby Spit and the Exposition Grounds drew up to the fleet, the big fleet being visible from these points.

The local hotels are rapidly filling up with visitors to to-night. It is estimated that between 40,000 and 50,000 will witness the departure of the fleet.

Alexandria—Johnston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., December 15.—Mr. and Mrs. David F. Altenger, of "Travelers' Rest," in this county, have announced the wedding of their daughter, Miss Inez, to Mr. George Johnston, of Mount Pleasant, Va. The marriage will take place about December 25th next.

Williams in Alexandria.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 15.—Representative John Sharp Williams, of Virginia, who is the principal speaker at the Confederate Veterans' banquet, which will be held at Lee Camp Hall January 19th. The members of the camp are making extensive preparations for the banquet, and it is expected that other prominent speakers will also be in attendance.

Robinson—Payne.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., December 15.—A marriage license was issued Saturday from the clerk's office here for the wedding of Mr. Robert J. Robinson, of Spotsylvania county, to Miss Lucy L. Payne, youngest daughter of Mr. Albert Payne, of Thornburg, Va. The marriage will be solemnized in the near future.

Brothers Sent to Aid Family.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., December 15.—Oscar and Charles Oakley, twenty-three and nineteen years of age, of Binghamton, N. Y., were sent to the aid of their father, who is suffering from a severe illness.

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Theosophist Returns.

NEW YORK, December 15.—After a tour of the European continent in search of health, Mrs. Catherine Ting-ly, one of the leaders in the theosophist school, returned here to-day on board the steamer Lucania.

FATHER IS GRATEFUL

Son Without Funds, Was Called for by John Mattheus, Chief of Police.

John Mattheus, Chief of Police, is very grateful to Chief of Police Werner and his son, Policeman B. H. Werner, for their kind care of his son, Leo, who came to Richmond one night last week, destitute and penniless.

Leo is but sixteen years of age, but he has been a very good boy, and his permission to visit the Jamestown Exposition, there he became stranded, being alone in the city, and with no money. He was taken in by Major Werner, who was a very kind man, and he was well dressed and seemed to be of good parentage.

John Mattheus informed the father of the boy's predicament, and Mr. Mattheus wrote to Major Werner expressing his thanks, and including money enough to pay his son's expenses home.

To Whom It May Concern

Christmas and New Year present hunters will act wisely by examining our stock before purchasing elsewhere. We can save you fully